(SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA.)

called unfair criticisms, they should take a general decision and must review the dates of birth of all the officers. That was the decision they took and it was a right decision. And if that decision has to be abrogated now, I have no grievance either. It is only a question of some of the officers having been dealt with one way and the others being let out scot-free that is worrying me. Therefore it may not be possible for me now to stop the scrutiny that is being made, for there are some cases where materials are already before the Government and we have to take as time permits a decision. Before I close I want to state, if not for the satisfaction of some at least for the satisfaction of my soul, that no favouritism has ever weighed with me and no recommendation had any value with me.

(Sri A. Bheemappa Naik interrupted)

Mr. SPEAKER.—The mover of the cut motion was making much of a particular case of a person who is now ordered to be retired and he was quoting section 45 of the Financial Code. He was also pointing out that when once the date of birth was changed and properly attested, Government, having accepted it, have no right to change it. That was his point. That particular case stands on a different level of consideration.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—This particular matter was taken to the High Court by way of writ petition and the High Court has already given a decision.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Then are we to take it that hereafter the date accepted at the time of recruitment shall stand finally ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He has made a statement to that effect. What does the mover of the cut motion say now ?

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—I seek the leave of the House to withdraw the cut motion.

The cut motion uas, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are only six minutes more. Sri Mulka Govinda Reddy, if you would like to move one of the cut motions you can do so. It is left to you.

Delay and inefficiency in the Secretariat.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the demand under the head '25. General Administration (except B,C & F)' for Rs. 44,91,150 be reduced by Rs. 100 (to discuss the undue delay and inefficiency prevailing in the Secretariat)."

Sir, as we all know, after the dawn of independence the work in the Secretariat as well as in the Districts and Taluks has enormously increased. Unfortunately the Congress Government that came into power has belied the expectations of the public. They are not eager to solve this knotty problem. Representations from the public for land records, for acquisitions, for so many other things are pending in the Secretariat for months together, sometimes for years together. One of the reasons responsible for this is that the Ministers are pre-occupied with other work, they are pre-occupied with ceremonial functions and tours and are not evincing proper interest and therefore they are neglecting their duty. The other day an Hon'ble Member was saying that one particular acquisition paper was pending for 1½ years. There are so many others pending in the Secretariat for one year and sometimes for years together. All this delay is due to the inefficiency of the administration. The clerks that are working in the Secretariat are not given ample opportunities with regard to promotion and increments. I understand that there are some clerks in the first division who have served for more than 10 years and yet have not been confirmed. So much so this disappointment is responsible for delay to some extent. So also the interference in the portfolio of one Minister by another Minister, which amounts to influencing the Minister concerned, is

also responsible for this state of affairs. This undue delay and inefficiency should never be condoned and this House should therefore censure this Government.

Mr. SPEAKER.—No time for reply. The question is :

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 44,91,150 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955, in respect of 'General Administration (except sub-major heads B, C and F)'."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The House will now rise for the day and meet tomorrow at 8-30 A.M.

The House adjourned for the day at Five of the Clock to meet again at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock on Saturday, the 20th March 1954.

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